

Application No. 10/733,764
Amendment dated August 10, 2006
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figure 5.

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 Annotated sheet showing changes

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REMARKS

Claims 7 and 8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the title, specification, abstract, drawings and claim 7 are amended. Claims 1-6 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant thanks Examiner Martinez for recognizing allowable subject matter in claims 7 and 8. By this Amendment, claim 7 is rewritten in independent form including all the features of the base claim. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claims 7 and 8 are allowable.

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to based on Figures "1a to 1d" being referred to on page 2 of the specification. By this Amendment, the first full paragraph on page 2 of the specification is amended to correct this typographical error. In addition, the drawings were objected to based on the arrows in Figure 5 having no reference numbers. By this Amendment, the arrows in Figure 5 are deleted. As a result, it is respectfully requested that the objections be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, the abstract was objected to. By this Amendment, the Abstract is replaced.

In the Office Action, the title is referred to as not descriptive. By this Amendment, a new title is provided.

In the Office Action, claim 2 was objected to based on the assertion that it includes no limitations beyond those provided in claim 1. By this Amendment, claim 2 is cancelled in the interest of expediting prosecution. As a result, the objection is moot and it is respectfully requested that it be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over various combinations of US Patent No. 6,457,823 to Cleary, US Patent No. 6,443,554 to Yoshida, and US Patent No. 6,786,589 to Suzuki. The rejections are respectfully traversed. In the interest of

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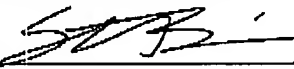
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expediting prosecution, claims 1-6 are cancelled. As a result, the rejections are moot and it is respectfully requested that they be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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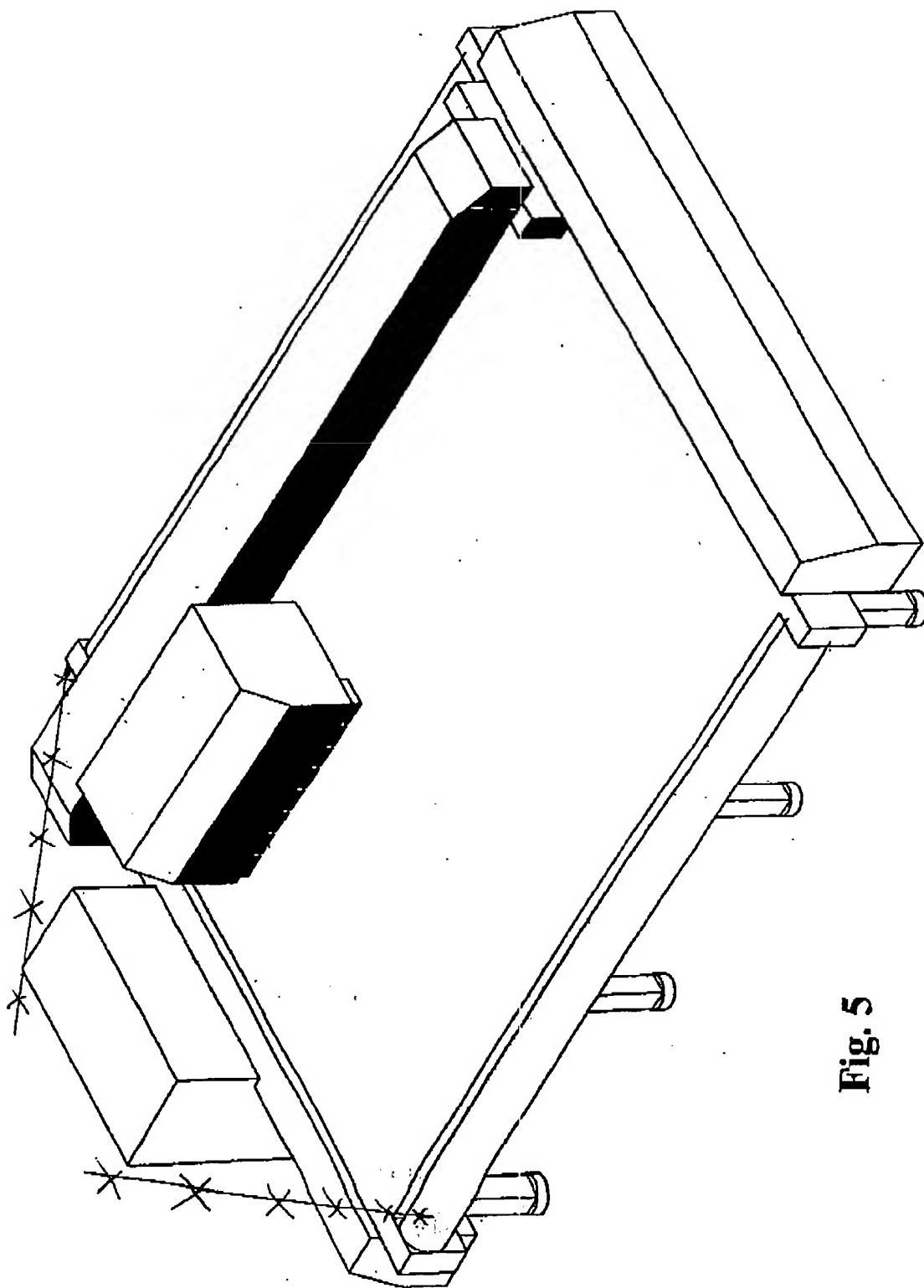


Fig. 5